

**THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 25-19**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH MIDAS COMPANIES FOR
CAPPING AND CUTTING OFF A STORMWATER DRAIN STOPPING THE
GROUNDWATER LEAK ON SACHEM DRIVE**

Introduced by: Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Town Council has authority to approve the procurement of goods and services pursuant to Code Section 20.4 and Charter, § 33-63(a) requires that all purchases and contracts for the Town government shall be made by the Mayor and Council and;

WHEREAS, specifically, Town Code section 20.4(a)(5) sets forth the procedure for the procurement of services and goods in excess of \$1,000 but less than \$10,000 require quotes, bids or proposal from three different vendors and;

WHEREAS, by way of an Emergency Purchase authorized in conjunction with Town Code Section 20.4(a)(5)(II), on November 28, 2018 the Town hired Environmental Pipe Cleaning to inspect, dig up and repair a section of terracotta pipe storm drain underneath a portion of Sachem Drive which was leaking water onto Sachem Drive that froze during cold weather causing a public safety hazard on the street and;

WHEREAS, the work performed by Environmental Pipe Cleaning included: removal of a steel plate installed by WSSC to access the pipe, repair of approximately a 5-foot section of 4-inch diameter terracotta pipe, performance of CCTV pipe inspection and replacement of the steel plate and;

WHEREAS, although the abovementioned work was performed by Environmental Pipe Cleaning and the section of storm drain pipe in question was repaired, it appears that this section of pipe was not the only underground source of leaking water at that area and the water continues to leak onto Sachem Drive and;

WHEREAS, although the Town has a limited ability to perform such heavy-duty infrastructure repairs, staff has studied the leaking water issue and consulted with various engineering firms as well as the State Highway Administration but, it is still unclear where the underground water leak originates and;

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WHEREAS, after consultation with engineering and other companies with experience and expertise in this arena, staff has determined that hiring a firm to cut and cap off the existing storm drain pipe at or near the location of the leak on the street would cut off the water supply and assist in helping to identify the overall source of the water leak and would be the most prudent approach to arresting the water leak on Sachem Drive and;

WHEREAS, it would be more cost effective for the Town to pursue the above methodology as opposed to spending funds on an unproven or unsubstantiated solution to remedy the problem and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the applicable Code provision, the Town has received proposals from three (3) firms with expertise in this area, JPG Plumbing & Mechanical, Environmental Pipe Cleaning and Midas and;

WHEREAS, the most responsive and cost-effective proposal received was from Midas, which is an Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Solutions Company with which the Town has a successful history performing other stormwater, groundwater and sewer related projects and;

WHEREAS, Midas has submitted a proposal/contract for \$7,500.00 that includes providing all the manpower, equipment and materials to: excavate down to the existing drainage pipe as required; cut and cap the existing storm drain pipe; backfill the area and; patch the asphalt utilizing hot mix asphalt as required. (Midas will also attempt to use a hand-held push camera to video as much of the existing pipe as possible in search of problem areas before the pipe is capped.) This scope of work is depicted on the attached proposal/contract (along with the two other proposals) herein referred to as Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland hereby authorize, and approve the attached proposal/contract from Midas at a total cost of \$7,500.00 to be paid from Budget line item 8016.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that prior to the Mayor signing the approved proposal/contract with Midas, said company shall provide proof of insurance and a signed waiver and release indemnifying the Town, to the satisfaction of the Town Administrator;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of Town of Forest Heights, Maryland hereby authorizes and approves the Mayor on behalf of the Town to execute any other related instrument or document necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 15 day of May 2019.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE</u>	<u>YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT</u>
MUHAMMAD	<u>Yea</u>
KENNEDY II	<u>Yea</u>
MANN	<u>Abstain</u>
BARNES	<u>Yea</u>
HINES	<u>Yea</u>
WASHINGTON	<u>Yea</u>
NOBLE	<u>Yea</u>

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Resolution No. 25-19 was passed by the required yea and nay vote of the Mayor and Council of Forest Heights on the 15 day of May 2019.

ATTEST:

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta B. Hawkins, Town Clerk

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By: Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

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By: Calvin Washington, Council President

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CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 15 day of May 2019 with 6 Yea votes and 0 Nay 1 Abstain votes the aforesaid Resolution 25-19 passed.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

[Exhibit A- 3 Proposals to Fix Pavement Leak on Sachem Drive; JPG Plumbing, Mechanical
Environmental Pipe Cleaning, Midas]